Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claims 1-20 (canceled)

Claim 21 (presently amended): A method for sterilizing a closed squeezable pharmaceutical package wherein the package is selected from the group consisting of a tube comprising a laminated polypropylene foil with a cap and a polypropylene bottle with a cap, the bottle comprising a nozzle tip, wherein the cap consists of a material with a modulus of elasticity different from ~~polypropylene~~ the tube or bottle, and wherein the pharmaceutical package is suitable for the controlled dispensation of an ophthalmic liquid, ophthalmic gel, or ophthalmic ointment, the method comprising the steps of:

disposing an amount of a member selected from the group consisting of an ophthalmic liquid, gel, or ointment within the package;

closing the package to yield a closed package;

placing the closed package into an autoclaving chamber; and

increasing temperature and pressure in the chamber until the temperature in the chamber reaches at least [[121°C]] 121°C; thereby

avoiding deformation of the package and avoiding the formation of a seal between the nozzle tip and the cap.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The method of claim 21, wherein the package comprises a polypropylene bottle.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The method of claim 22, wherein the polypropylene bottle has a wall thickness in the range of 0.3 mm to 0.6 mm.

Claim 24 (canceled)

Claim 25 (previously presented): The method of claim 21, wherein the material of the cap is high density polyethylene.

Claim 26 (currently amended): A method for sterilizing a closed, squeezable pharmaceutical package wherein the package comprises a polypropylene bottle with a cap, the bottle comprising a nozzle tip, wherein the cap consists of a material with a modulus of elasticity

different from ~~polypropylene~~ the bottle, and wherein the pharmaceutical package is suitable for the controlled dispensation of an ophthalmic liquid and an ophthalmic gel, the method comprising the steps of:

disposing an amount of a member selected from the group consisting of an ophthalmic liquid and an ophthalmic gel within the package;

closing the package with the cap to yield a closed package;

placing the closed package into an autoclaving chamber; and

increasing temperature and pressure in the chamber until the temperature in the chamber reaches at least [[121 ◦ C]] 121°C; thereby avoiding deformation of the package and avoiding the formation of a seal between the nozzle tip and the cap.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The method of claim 26, wherein the polypropylene bottle has a wall thickness in the range of 0.3 to 0.6 mm.

Claim 28 (canceled)

Claim 29 (previously presented): The method of claim 26, wherein the material of the cap is high density polyethylene.